PRO BONO PLEDGE

Volunteer to Participate in the Idaho Volunteer Lawyers Program

“The hallmark of a true profession - that which elevates it to a higher calling - is service to the public good.”

There is a continuing need for pro bono legal representation for Idaho’s poor. The pledge form below presents an opportunity for you to demonstrate your commitment to pro bono service and the Resolution passed by the members of the Idaho State Bar.

You can make a difference in your own community by volunteering to participate in the Law Foundation’s pro bono program.

Pro bono lawyers say that providing this public service gives them a sense of personal satisfaction, helps them fulfill their professional/ethical obligation and gives them experience in a variety of areas of the law. It also allows the individual attorney and his or her firm to develop a strong reputation for leadership and service to the community. Most importantly, pro bono service provides access to justice to those without the means to hire a lawyer.

Please pledge to donate 50 hours of legal service this year to clients of the Idaho Volunteer Lawyers Program by filling out the Pro Bono Pledge and returning it to the Idaho Volunteer Lawyers Program, in accordance with Idaho Rule of Professional Conduct 6.1. Advice and Consultations and/or Attorney of the Day activities might be scheduled locally by Senior Centers, Community Centers and/or Court Assistance Offices to serve low-income pro se litigants.

Name ________________________________________________________________________ ISB # ____________
E-mail __________________________________________________________________________________________

☐ I accept the Pro Bono Challenge and agree to donate 50 hours of legal services to the IVLP this year. I am willing to take cases in the following areas (or participate in the programs indicated):

☐ A&C—Family Law ☐ Family Law (Divorce, custody, support) ☐ Living Wills/Powers of Attorney
☐ A&C—General Civil Law ☐ Guardianships (Adult & Child) ☐ Mediation
☐ Bankruptcies/Debt Collection ☐ Guardian ad Litem Child ☐ Nonprofit Assistance
☐ Civil Rights, Federal Court ☐ Protection Cases ☐ Tort Defense
☐ Consumer Cases ☐ Immigration for DV Victims ☐ Victims of Crime Rights
☐ Contracts/Leases ☐ ☐ Wills & Probate (limited assets)

☐ I am willing to help out by acting as “Attorney of the Day”. __________________________________________
☐ I am willing to interview program applicants in the IVLP office. ________________________________________
☐ I am willing to participate in Youth Court (County) ________________________________________________
☐ I am willing to participate in monthly Advice & Consultation Clinics at my local Senior Center (or would like to start a monthly clinic at my local senior center) (Location) __________________________________
☐ I am willing to act as a “mentor” or “special advisor” to a less experienced volunteer attorney, in the following areas (as listed above):

☐ I am unable at this time to volunteer hours to the IVLP, but I would like to help the program meet its goal of increasing access to justice among low-income Idahoans. Enclosed please find my tax-deductible contribution of $________ to the Idaho Volunteer Lawyers Program.

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